

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the survey being conducted?

Under the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/9) the Illinois Department of Labor has the responsibility to “investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages for each county in the State.”

What do I do if I’m having difficulties with the computer survey?

Please contact the Survey Hotline at 312-793-1585 or email us at DOL.PWSurvey.Contractor@illinois.gov.

Is this survey the result of a complaint against me or an investigation under the Prevailing Wage Act?

No. The purpose of this survey is to ascertain the prevailing wages in your locality. This information is not being requested pursuant to a complaint or as part of an investigation.

Who should complete survey on behalf of contractor?

The survey should be completed by the owner or his or her agent.

What projects should I report on?

We are asking for information on both public works projects and on your company’s regular practices on non-government projects. Different questions may refer to different projects. Please pay careful attention to the questions.

Why are U.S. DOL BLS Soc Codes being used?

The prior SOC Code listings used by the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) were based on the 1980 SOC codes issued by the US Department of Labor (USDOL), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), with some additions established by the IDOL and various Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) decisions.

The SOC codes that formed the basis of the work classification system were overhauled in 2000, and further revised by BLS in 2008. In light of this, the work classifications in this current survey use the most recent BLS SOC codes in order to assure that our classifications are a fair and up-to-date assessment of which trades are commonly recognized in the construction industry.

If you believe that a job category is not adequately reflected, you may select **<Other>** from the Trade Drop-Down Menu, and include a trade title and job description in the Notes box at the bottom of the page. See instruction sheets for examples of how latest BLS Soc Codes apply.

What do I do if I have workers who perform different types of work, such as painting one day, and carpentry the next?

You should apportion their hours, wages, and benefits among the different types of work that they performed.

I am the owner and I work on projects myself. Should I report my own hours and earnings?

No. The Prevailing Wage Act applies to employees.

We don’t really do construction work. Or we did not perform any work on government projects in 2015. What should we do?

Please log into the survey to confirm that your contractor name and contact information are correct. Then explain in the notes section at the bottom of the contractor information screen and hit the Save button to record your updates. On the next screen, please hit the **<Certify>** button to certify and complete your survey participation. You are not required to provide any further information.